

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, and 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,494,404 to Furseth et al. and claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Furseth. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Furseth does not disclose at least one mounting base and formations extending sideways away from the main body in one direction only, and the side of the main body mounting base and formations opposite the side from which the mounting base formations project, continue in the same plane as the surface of the main body.

Instead, in Furseth, the mounting base 46 and formations 70 opposite the side from which the mounting base 46 and formations project do not continue in the same plane as the surface of the main body. Instead, the main body turns through a sharp angle, (nearly 90°), to form the mounting base 46 and formations 70. Furthermore, the formations of Furseth do not engage with cooperating formations provided on the compressor, as in independent claim 1. Instead, the formations 70 (or groove) abut a band 74 and the mounting base 46 is clamped, not engaged by shroud 36. The shroud 36 is a separate component which is attached to the compressor casing, and hence does not form part of the casing. Therefore, no feature of the vane of Furseth engages (or even touches) formations on the compressor.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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